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Steve:

Council provided an extension until the end of June for the Rental Housing Bidding Platform Report. This extension was communicated to CBO (Julie Dingley and Waslala Miranda). Part of the reason for the extension was that we were waiting for the outcome of a pending lawsuit brought by Rentberry, Inc. against the City of Seattle for its moratorium on rent-bidding platforms, stating the moratorium was a constraint on commercial free speech. On March 15, 2019, Judge Richard A. Jones ruled in favor of the City of Seattle, stating that the online bidding service Rentberry provides is conduct, not speech.

A draft report is now well-underway, led by OH staff in coordination with SDCI, LAW and OCR. We anticipate providing a pipeline memo to the MO with the draft report in a few weeks. Following a discussion with LAW, the approach of the Report is to identify potential issues or areas for further analysis if rent bidding platforms were to be reinstated in Seattle, rather than to make a firm recommendation as to whether or not to allow the technology altogether.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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OH/SDCI had a Rental Housing Bidding Platform Report due to Council on 4/30.  
What is the status of that report? DM

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